INVITATION FOR BIDS LEASE OF STATE LANDS

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Ag & Grazing Management Bureau, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620, through August 28, 2015 for a 10-year Agricultural Lease on the following described land in Park County.

SW4, Section 22, T4N, R9E: containing 80 acres of grazing land and 80 acres of cropland.

The minimum bid rate is \$576.40 based on a grazing carrying capacity of 40 AUMS at a rate of \$14.41 per AUM plus a minimum rental of 25% crop share to the state.

By law all bids in order to be considered valid must include a deposit in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or money order in the amount equal to 100% of the amount bid for grazing, and 20.00 per acre for the Agricultural land, plus a non-refundable lease application fee of \$25.00. In order to be considered, all bids must be accompanied with a completed application to lease state lands.

The successful bidder must in addition to the rental, make settlement with the owner of the existing improvements on the land.

The State Board of Land Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bid forms may be obtained from the Department at the above address or in person at 1625 11th Avenue, Helena or by calling 406-444-4951.

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